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LETTER DATED 7 AUGUST 1958 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions of my Government I have the honour to transmit to
Your Excellency under enclosure the unofficial translation of the statement
of the Czechoslovak Government on the Middle East which was issued in Prague
on 6 August 1958. I should be grateful to you if you would have the text
circulated as a United Nations document to all States Members of the
United Nations.

(Signed) Josef ULLRICH
Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia
to the United Nations

OFFICIAL CZECHOSLOVAK STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST

The Czechoslovak Government issued the following statement on its position on the American-British aggression in the Near and Middle East:

The United States aggression against Lebanon and the British aggression against Jordan, in their final stages aiming against all freedom-loving nations of the Arab East, have occasioned a dangerous situation jeopardizing world peace and international security. Despite protests of nations and efforts of those Governments who endeavour for the liquidation of the danger of war in the Near and Middle East, the American-British aggression has not yet been stopped. On the contrary, the aggressors are stationing additional forces on the territory of Lebanon and Jordan and take up strategic positions in the vicinity of the borders of freedom-loving Arab States. Also the other members of the Baghdad Pact have embarked upon military measures under the pressure of the United States and Great Britain.

Although this was the case of an open military intervention in the domestic affairs of the countries of the Near and Middle East and although the world is now confronted with a threat of a war conflict, any measures to ease the tension were prevented by the aggressors and by States tied to them in military alignments. The United States and Great Britain, who by their aggression endanger world peace, have through their proceedings in the Security Council frustrated the adoption of a decision requesting withdrawal of foreign troops from this area. To this end they took full advantage of the fact that the Security Council, in its majority, consists of States members of aggressive military groupings or States under the United States influence. In addition to that, the place of the legitimate representatives of the People's Republic of China has been, contrary to the law, occupied by a representative of the Chiang Kai-shek clique. In a similar way the Governments of the United States and Great Britain have frustrated the possibility to settle the dangerous situation in the Near and Middle East area in the form of a conference of Heads of Governments of five Great Powers with the participation of the United Nations Secretary-General.

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By protracting negotiations deliberately and submitting one unacceptable condition after another, the Western Powers have finally succeeded in preventing the conference to take place. While the imperialist aggression against Lebanon and Jordan is still going on, the peace of the world continues to be in danger.

The Czechoslovak Government, guided by the effort to maintain and foster the peace in the Near and Middle East, had proposed adoption of effective measures for the cessation of imperialist aggression, among other things also the convocation of a special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. The Czechoslovak Government therefore fully supports the proposal of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the convocation of a special session of the General Assembly and believes that this would be the right step to avert the dangerous situation in the Near and Middle East which was brought about by direct aggression in this area by the United States and Great Britain.
